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ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

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1. EC COUNCIL ISSUED PRESS RELEASE OCTOBER 27 ANNOUNCING  
FORMAL SIGNING OF ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE ASSOCIATION  
AGREEMENT WITH MALTA. PROTOCOL, TEXT OF WHICH POUCHED  
TO DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY VALETTA IN AUGUST 1977, IS  
RESULT OF MALTESE-EC NEGOTIATIONS EARLIER THIS YEAR ON  
TRADING ARRANGEMENTS.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE:

THE PURPOSE OF THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL IS TO LAY  
DOWN THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A FURTHER EXTENSION, FROM  
1 JULY 1977, OF THE TRADE PROVISIONS OF THE FIRST STAGE  
OF THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT, WHICH EXPIRED ON 30 JUNE  
1977.

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PROVISION IS MADE FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF THE  
ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT TO BE EXTENDED WITH CERTAIN  
IMPROVEMENTS UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 1980 AND FOR NEGOTIATIONS  
TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS PRECEDING THE  
ABOVE EXPIRY DATE TO DEFINE THE CONTENT OF THE SECOND  
STAGE OF THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT.

THE IMPROVEMENTS THE COMMUNITY IS PROPOSING FOR  
MALTA PROVIDE FOR:

- THE GRANTING IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR OF DUTY-FREE ENTRY  
FOR ALMOST ALL MALTA'S INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS TO THE  
COMMUNITY (AS OPPOSED TO THE 70 PERCENT TARIFF REDUCTION  
CURRENTLY PROVIDED FOR IN THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT); A  
NUMBER OF PRECAUTIONS WILL STILL BE TAKEN HOWEVER AS  
REGARDS IMPORTS OF CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS;

- THE GRANTING OF CERTAIN CONCESSIONS FOR A NUMBER OF  
PROCESSED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS;

- THE MAINTENANCE BY THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND,  
UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 1977, OF "COMMONWEALTH ARRANGEMENTS"  
FOR A NUMBER OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS;

- A NUMBER OF DEROGATIONS, OF LIMITED DURATION, FROM  
THE RULES OF ORIGIN FOR CERTAIN PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED  
IN MALTA AND EXPORTED TO THE COMMUNITY.

ON ITS SIDE, MALTA WILL CONSOLIDATE THE TARIFF  
REDUCTIONS IT CURRENTLY GRANTS THE COMMUNITY. PURSUANT  
TO THE REVIEW CLAUSE CONTAINED IN THE 1976 PROTOCOL, THE  
TWO PARTIES WILL REVIEW IN 1978 THE POSSIBILITY OF  
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MALTA GRANTING THE COMMUNITY ADDITIONAL TARIFF  
REDUCTIONS.

IT WILL BE REMEMBERED THAT ON 25 JULY 1977 THE  
COMMUNITY ADOPTED AUTONOMOUS MEASURES EXTENDING CERTAIN  
PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE FIRST STAGE OF THE ASSOCIATION  
AGREEMENT WITH MALTA UNTIL THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE  
PROTOCOL WHICH HAS JUST BEEN SIGNED. END TEXT. HINTON

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